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'HIS DEATH HAS RIPPED MY HEART INTO PIECES'

Mum wants justice as man appears in court charged with teen's murder

THE mother of 17-year-old Connor Tremble, who died after being stabbed in his Oxford flat, has said she wants justice for her son.

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Thames Valley Police has charged 20-year-old William Blencowe from Banbury with Connor's murder.

Connor died in the John Radcliffe Hospital last Saturday, following an incident at Fairacres Road at 6.45pm on February 13. He was stabbed a number of times in the legs, chest and hands.

His mum Lisa said the loss of her son has "ripped [her] heart into pieces".

In a statement, she said: "Connor was a much-loved son, big brother, nephew and grandson.

"His death has ripped my heart into pieces and I feel I have been robbed of something priceless.

"I want justice for Connor and to appeal for anybody with information regarding his death to come forward.

"I urge you to think about the value and delicacy of life."

Connor's father, Martin Smith, added: "Connor was a charming, happy-go-lucky boy, a dearly loved son, big brother and grandson and he will hold a place in my heart until the day that I die.

"Wherever he is, may he have found peace and comfort. He will be greatly missed."

Tributes have also been pouring in on social media with a Facebook group, 'Justice for Connor Tremble', attracting over 2,700 likes at time of print.

Dion Greaves wrote: "R.I.P mate! you will be sadly missed!!", and Julie Woods posted: "Justice for Connor such a lovely young man xx god bless xx".

Family and friends also set off lanterns in to the night sky at Spiceball Park in Banbury last Sunday evening.

A fundraising page has also been set up to raise money for two memorial benches in Oxford and Banbury.

Last Sunday's post-mortem did not establish a cause of death.

A 21-year-old man from Birmingham, arrested on Saturday on suspicion of assisting an offender, was released without charge.

Blencowe appeared at Reading Crown Court yesterday.

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Flood warnings still in place in county

SEVERAL flood warnings remain in place in Oxfordshire, as water levels begin to recede across the county.

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Warnings are still in force on the River Thames in Binsey and Osney, between Newbridge and Kings Lock, at New Botley, New and North Hinksey and Grandpoint, and in Henley.

Flood alerts are also in place on the rivers Thames, Cherwell, Glyme and Ray, and Ginge Brook, at various locations in Oxfordshire.

The RAF has been part of the relief efforts in recent weeks, supporting efforts on the ground by providing aerial views of flooded areas.

Last Wednesday one aircraft from the RAF Benson Puma Force spent over three hours assisting aid commanders in the Thames Valley area, while another spent two hours providing reconnaissance above the River Thames.

Flight lieutenant Tim Barry, who flew one of the aircraft, said: "The tasking also helped identify those areas most as risk and in need of further aid, and the Puma HC Mk2 was the perfect platform to carry it out.

"Its increased fuel capacity and more efficient engines allowed the passengers on board an extended time to assess the various areas suffering from, and in danger of, flooding."

As the clean-up operation begins, Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service is urging residents to stay safe.

They warn that flood water may be contaminated and poses a safety hazard to power supplies and electrical equipment, particularly with further rainfall expected in the coming days.

Fire and rescue service area manager Nigel Wilson said: "Anyone using a generator to pump water from their home should make sure it is positioned outside in the open air, as the fumes can kill.

"Residents should also get their electricity supply checked when moving back into flooded properties, and avoid using old and potentially unsafe portable heaters to dry out rooms.

"As everyone should know, water and electricity just don't go well together. If your home has been flooded, get your local electricity supply checked before switching it back on.

"You should also have your gas or oil central heating checked by a qualified person."

A number of road closures are still in place across the county, including in Henley, Clifton Hampden, and Harwell.

For a full list of closures and further details about flooding, go to the county council website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.

• *An aerial view of Wallingford, which has been at risk of floods, taken from an RAF Benson helicopter (Picture courtesy of RAF Benson)*

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Russian site

OXFORD Brookes has developed a new website for Russian students to find out more about the university.

The website, www.oxfordbrookes.ru, follows the successful launch of in-language sites in Japan, Thailand and Taiwan.

Brookes' new Russian site promotes key reasons why students should choose the university, course information and contacts.

Duo sentenced

TWO men from Oxford have each been sentenced to two years and three months in a detention centre for sexually abusing a teenage boy.

Iztullah Qudrat, 19, and Ghausel Tarakhail, 20, have also been placed on the sex offenders register for 10 years.

Qudrut admitted to engaging in sexual activity with a 14-year-old boy in the toilets in Bury Knowle Park.

Tarakhail admitted to inciting the victim to engage in sexual activity.

Council leader praises response teams after fallen trees cause havoc

OXFORDSHIRE County Council have dealt with more than 140 fallen trees or big branches since Friday, after strong winds affected southern England.

More than 40 staff have been involved in clearing the trees across the county, which led to a number of road closures.

All parts of the county were affected in equal measure, and tree specialists and highways crews have been working day and night to respond to the volume of incidents.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, leader of the county council, said: "I'd like to thank our highways teams who have been out and about in the most treacherous of weather conditions to deal with fallen trees and clear roads for traffic.

"Exceptionally high winds and driving rain in the darkness hours is hardly the ideal working environment and I am sure it was a very difficult night."

Woodstock Road in Oxford was affected by a fallen tree, which badly damaged a street-lighting column.

Other roads affected across the county were in Banbury, Woodstock, Chipping Norton, Burford, Steventon, Sutton Courtenay and Great Rollright.

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Council approves £64m cuts in latest budget

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OXFORDSHIRE County Council approved its 2014/15 budget on Tuesday, which sees a further £64million of cuts as funding from central government is reduced.

The Conservative proposal was passed by 30 votes to 27, after amendments by the Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green groups were rejected.

Council tax will rise by just under two per cent, which is the highest increase that can be made without the need for a referendum.

Cuts to services include £7.1million from adult social care, £6.4million from the children, education and families budget, and over £600,000 from fire and community safety.

Around £11.2million will also be cut from the environment and economy budget, £2.5million from public health and £1.5million from cultural services, which includes public libraries.

Speaking on Twitter, council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "This is my second budget as leader of the council, I had hoped that it would be easier than last year's. However, that has not been the case.

"In 2010 we started to reduce the budget by £201million. We now have an additional £64million to make, bringing the total to an eye-watering £265million.

"This budget will put extra money into youth protection, mainstream welfare rights and respite breaks for children's carers and flood relief.

"It will also abolish 15 minute home care visits, put an extra £1million into highways, and maintain laundry services for incontinent residents.

"These are essential services that we need to deliver for the vulnerable people of Oxfordshire."

The three other political parties at the council all proposed amendments to the budget, with the Liberal Democrats suggesting that more money should be borrowed, which they said could save money long-term.

Cllr Zoe Patrick, speaking on Twitter, said: "[It was a] long day debating budget cuts. Pity our amendments were voted down, but let's wait and see."

Labour's proposals, which included providing funding for youth workers and safeguarding the 'dial a ride' service, were also voted down.

And a Green party amendment which proposed a 4.5 per cent rise in council tax to reduce the amount of cuts was also rejected, with that level of increase requiring a referendum before it could be brought in.

Cllr Sam Coates said on Twitter: "All other parties voted against Green plan to save vital services for vulnerable.

"We will now see even more cuts to homelessness, care services and other vital lifelines for our most vulnerable neighbours.

"The other parties didn't want to stick their necks out to talk with residents about higher tax to defend vital services, but we'll keep fighting."

The budget has proven controversial with residents in recent months, and protestors were outside County Hall on Tuesday morning as councillors arrived for the meeting.

And on Saturday, a march was held from Manzil Way to Bonn Square in Oxford ahead of Tuesday's meeting, with residents protesting against the level of cuts.

It was organised by the Oxford People's Assembly, who had previously demonstrated outside County Hall in January against proposals to cuts in homeless services and advice centres in the city.

Developers 'must provide environmental impact research'

• *An artist's impression of the plans for West Way, Botley*

A COMMUNITY group have welcomed a decision by Vale of White Horse District Council that developer Doric Properties will need to produce an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to supplement their proposals for the West Way shopping centre in Botley.

West Way Community Concern have objected to a number of Doric's proposals, and are holding a public meeting next Thursday to voice their concerns.

Co-chair of the group Chris Church said: "This is a victory for local campaigners. We will wait with interest to see how far the EIA is done to a proper standard."

Driver fined after bridge limit breach

A LORRY driver from Kidlington who admitted breaching a weight restriction on Shabbington East Bridge, near Thame, has been ordered to pay a £500 fine, £130 costs and a £50 victim surcharge.

Graham Hosier, 48, of Waverley Avenue, was spotted crossing the bridge by a bridge technician on June 19 last year, which was subsequently followed up by the Trading Standards team.

The bridge has a three-tonne weight limit after surveys determined it to be weak, and Hosier was prosecuted for driving a vehicle of a weight up to 7.5-tonnes.

Richard Webb, the council's Trading Standards team's manager, said: "Bridge weight restrictions are there for a very good reason as limits are how much a bridge has been assessed as being able to safely take at a time.

"Ignoring restrictions mean drivers of heavy vehicles are putting other bridge users and themselves in danger, as they could cause a serious accident through a bridge collapse.

"It may be tempting for drivers to flout the rules in order to take a short-cut, but it's always better to take the long and legal way round to ensure other road users' safety.

"I hope this case acts as a warning to other drivers who might be thinking of ignoring bridge weight restrictions."

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Oxford's researchers lead new stroke study

AN OXFORD study into strokes and other acute vascular events is set to be used in a new online resource.

Launched earlier this week by the National Institute for Health Research, the Oxford Vascular Study (OXVASC) has looked at strokes, coronary events and peripheral vascular events in a population of 92,000 people across nine Oxfordshire general practices.

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It looked at the occurrence, causes and consequences of these events.

The aim is to help doctors get an insight into the different aspects of the conditions.

Professor Peter Rothwell is the principal investigator for OXVASC, and is based at the Stroke Prevention Research Unit, Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences.

He said: "Few of these early recurrent strokes were prevented in practice because of a lack of understanding about the risk and the optima treatment.

"We showed that the early risk of major stroke was very high, we developed simple risk scores to identify which individuals were at highest risk, and we showed how best to prevent major stroke.

"I am delighted to share a platform with some of the country's key researchers in stroke.

"I hope the new online resource helps to raise awareness of clinical research in our region and encourage more patients across the country to take part."

There are around 18,000 strokes per year in the South East, and last year over 2,000 patients in the region took part in stroke research.

The study also looked at Transient Ischaemic Attacks (TIA or 'mini-stroke'), which often precede a major stroke.

This research showed that emergency treatment after TIA reduces the risk of a major stroke by as much as 80 per cent, leading to changes in clinical guidelines in the UK and beyond.

It is estimated that 10,000 strokes will be prevented each year in the UK alone as a result. Professor Rothwell's study, along with many other research papers relating to strokes, can be found at www.focusonstroke.nihr.ac.uk.

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• Two people are wanted after stealing £2,500 from a man's coat pocket

POLICE have released an image of a man and woman they would like to speak to, after £2,500 was stolen from an elderly man in Headington in December last year.

The victim went to his bank on December 4 and withdrew the £2,500 in cash, and walked home to Latimer Road.

As he got to his front door, a man and a woman approached him saying he had something on his back, and offered to help him inside.

After helping him off with his coat, the pair left the property, with the victim then realising that the money had been taken from his suit jacket pocket.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Andy Poole on 101.

Do you have a story to share with our readers?

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Santa robber still wanted by Oxford police

POLICE are continuing to search for a man who robbed an Oxford store dressed in a Father Christmas outfit, and are re-appealing for witnesses.

At around 9.30am on December 23, the man entered the Next Store in Oxford Retail Park, Cowley, and walked into a staff area.

He then threatened a member of staff with a knife and demanded cash from a safe, and after being handed over money he then made off on a bicycle towards Blackbird Leys bridge.

The offender is described as white, of medium build, between 5ft 9ins to 6ft and in his 30s. He was wearing a blue fleece and jeans under the Father Christmas outfit.

Next are offering a £10,000 reward for information should a conviction take place.

Det Sgt Mark Stalder said: "This was a frightening incident which has left the staff member very shaken.

"We would urge anyone shopping around the Oxford Retail Park that morning who saw a man on a bike, dressed as Father Christmas, and who has not spoken to us already to get in touch as a matter of urgency."

Anyone with information should contact Det Sgt Stalder on 101.

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Refurbishment

A £287,000 re-roofing and refurbishment project at Oxford University's Corpus Christi College has been completed.

Wantage-based construction company Stepnell carried out the work over staircase eight at the Grade I-listed college building.

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New librarian

OXFORD University's Bodleian Libraries has a new librarian.

Richard Ovenden will succeed Dr Sarah Thomas as Bodley's Librarian and also become a fellow of Balliol College.

Mr Ovenden has held the position on an interim basis since August last year.

Cyclist dies at scene after car collision

A CYCLIST died in Oxford on Monday morning after colliding with a car.

The collision happened on the Watlington Road, the B480, at the junction with Garsington Road in Cowley.

Police were called at 5.41am to reports of a collision between a Nissan Micra and a cyclist.

The male rider died at the scene.

Thames Valley Police arrested a 39-year-old man from Reading on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving.

He is on bail until April 10.

The force is appealing to anyone with information to call 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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A healthier lifestyle? There's an app for that

A FREE smartphone app that gives nutritional information on over 80,000 packaged food and drinks has been launched by a team which included researchers from Oxford University.

By **Adam Flinn**

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FoodSwitch provides a 'traffic lights' rating system related to health, including fats, sugars, salt, protein and fibre.

It also suggests alternative products to help consumers wanting a healthier diet, and was developed by the George Institute for Global Health along with Oxford University researchers.

Dr Peter Scarborough works in the British Heart Foundation Health Promotion Research Group at Oxford University, and he believes it will help people trying to lead a healthier lifestyle.

He said: "With all the messages about health in the public eye, it is hard for consumers to know what is 'healthy'.

"The established nutrition criteria used in the app shows customers products that are healthier overall, not just whether they are higher in salt, fat or sugar.

Professor Susan Jebb of the university's Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences added: "A poor diet is responsible for tens of thousands of premature deaths every year in the UK. People will be able to use this smartphone technology to swap the foods in their regular shopping basket for healthier options to help themselves and their families to cut the risk of diabetes, heart disease and some cancers."

FoodSwitch identifies foods by people scanning the barcodes with their smartphone camera, and then looks through its database to find the relevant information.

If a product is not listed, shoppers can take photos of the missing items to be validated and added to the database for future use.

Katharine Jenner, campaign director of FoodSwitch UK, said: "It is not about telling people to stop eating or avoid certain foods with red colours, but rather highlighting differences in products.

"This new app will allow people to take responsibility for their individual and their family's health."

Visit www.actiononsalt.org.uk/foodswitch.

Work begins on £430k Blackbird Leys pavilion

• Representatives from Blackbird Leys FC and Greater Leys FC, with city councillor Scott Seamons (right)

WORK officially started on the new Blackbird Leys Pavilion on Friday, which is set to be home to Blackbirds FC and Greater Leys FC once complete.

The pavilion is owned by Oxford City Council, and the brand new facility will have changing rooms, official rooms, toilets and a tuck shop, with the construction costing approximately £430,000.

Cllr Mark Lygo, board member for parks, sports and events, said: "This facility will provide local teams with a high standard of facilities.

"We hope that it will increase the number of players and see them improve in their respective leagues.

"The ward councillors and sports officers have, and will, continue to work with the football clubs to ensure that they will be sustainable for the up and coming years."

Work comes as part of the council's Pavilion Modernisation Programme, which aims to improve 12 pavilions across the city as well as build a new facility at Grandpoint Recreation Ground.

Blackbird Leys pavilion is a replacement of an existing building, which was condemned almost eight years ago.

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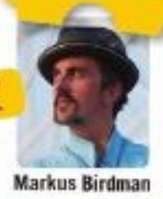
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YOUNGSTERS in Oxford will get the chance to make their own movie and hold a special screening for their friends and family.

The city council is offering filming sessions for 10 children, aged from eight to 14 years at Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

Children will be shown how movies are made, including how to edit clips on computers.

The sessions start on February 25 from 4pm until 6pm at the centre.

If you want to be involved or find out more, contact Karimu Corbeek at kcorbeek@oxford.gov.uk or call 01865 252680.

'Beggar' attacked

A 40-YEAR-OLD man who appeared to be begging in Oxford was assaulted during a conversation with an unknown man earlier this month, who punched him to the ground and kicked him in the chest.

It took place at 5.25pm on February 9 on New Inn Hall Street, and the offender is described as white, wearing a black top and carrying a black backpack.

The victim was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital, where he was treated for a cut lip and swollen jaw. Call 101 with information.

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'IRA' claims responsibility for office suspect package

A GROUP claiming to be the 'IRA' says it was responsible for the suspect package found at an Army Careers office in Oxford last week.

By **Jack Johnson**

jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk

The package was discovered at the office on St Giles last Thursday morning, with police cordoning off the street for more than two hours.

Similar packages were found at six other locations across the South East.

A spokesperson from Metropolitan Police said the group made the claim to a media organisation in Northern Ireland last Saturday.

"We are aware of the claim of responsibility for the devices that were sent to army recruitment centres in England last week," a statement read.

"The claim was received on Saturday, February 15, by a Northern Irish media outlet using a recognised codeword.

"The claim was allegedly made on behalf of the 'IRA'."

Prime Minister David Cameron chaired a COBR (Cabinet Office Briefing Room) meeting at the end of last week to discuss the devices.

Downing Street released a statement last Friday saying the packages bore "all the hallmarks of Northern Ireland related terrorism".

A Number 10 spokesperson said: "Guidance has been issued to staff at all military establishments and Royal Mail asking them to be extra vigilant and to look out for any suspect packages.

"The national threat level remains under constant review."

Officers from the South East Counter Terrorism Unit (SECTU) assessed the contents of the package found at St Giles.

MOD Bomb Disposal Units were also called while the area was temporarily cordoned off as a precaution.

Det Supt Stan Gilmour of SECTU said the package posed "a very low level threat".

He added: "When a suspect package is reported we have a routine response which means we may need to evacuate the area if necessary until we can be sure it poses no threat to the public.

"Whilst this can cause concern and disruption for local communities, it is a necessary precaution until we know what we are dealing with."

The street and nearby buildings were evacuated as the emergency services and army dealt with the incident, before reopening a few hours later.

BMW starts new grad scheme

• MINI Plant Oxford intern Ciaran Raymer discusses performance processes with associate Ziaur Chowdhury

BMW has launched a new 24-month graduate programme, with the majority of its placements to be in Oxford.

The brand new programme has 13 places available across the country's MINI plants, with eight based at Cowley's Oxford MINI plant.

Starting in October this year, graduates will complete five different placements on strategic and operational projects over a two-year period.

BMW say this will allow apprentices to "gain an insight into business process, strategy and culture from both a UK and global perspective".

Holly Chalmers, BMW Group UK's recruitment and staffing manager, said: "We are looking forward to recruiting talented young people who have a passion for the motor industry."

Student Ciaran Raymer, 23, is currently working at MINI Plant Oxford as an intern as part of his year in industry.

He said: "I've had the opportunity to work with and learn from experts in their respected fields giving me access to an unparalleled level of knowledge.

"The launch of the new graduate scheme is really exciting and will be a great opportunity for anyone wanting to pursue a career in the automotive sector."

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25 years on and still going strong

A PROGRAMME of art exhibitions, book events, concerts and photography displays are being staged in the city later this year, to celebrate 25 years since the twinning of Oxford and Grenoble in France.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Representatives and twinning association members from Grenoble will travel to Oxford for a week of festivities, taking place between April 26 and May 3.

It has been organised by Oxford City Council and the Oxford-Grenoble Association (OGA), with guests from Grenoble being welcomed at a number of civic and cultural events.

The celebrations will be launched by Lord Mayor of Oxford Cllr Dee Sinclair and OGA chair Mel Houldershaw on April 26 at the Town Hall.

Ms Houldershaw said: "Around 80 performers and Grenoble friends are coming over for the celebrations, led by the dynamic Marie-Christine Simiand, who last year was awarded an MBE for all she has done for us.

"She and Team Grenoble entertained us in style on the 20th twinning anniversary, so now it is Team Oxford's turn!"

Cllr Bob Price, leader of the city council, added: "We are very much looking forward to welcoming our friends from Grenoble.

"The Silver Jubilee of the twinning is an auspicious occasion and the Oxford-Grenoble Association put on a really enjoyable week of events to celebrate the 20th anniversary.

"I am sure that the programme for the 25th will be equally successful and will reflect the strong links that have developed between our two cities."

Key events include the art exhibition 'Alps and Spires' at the Town Hall, book talks at Blackwell's Bookshop and an Anglo-French concert at St John the Evangelist Church.

A photography exhibition by Paul Medley, entitled 'Grenoble University: Between the city and the mountains', will also be staged at Blackwell's Bookshop throughout April. More information and updates about the week of events can be found at www.oxford.gov.uk/twinning.

Do you have a story to share with our readers?

Contact **Jack Johnson** on **01235 516932** or jack@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Signed Cornbury chair to be raffled off for charity

•Dozens of signatures feature on the deckchair, which will be raffled off for Helen and Douglas House

A DECKCHAIR that was signed by a number of music stars at last year's Cornbury Festival is set to be raffled off to raise money for local hospice Helen and Douglas House.

Van Morrison, Keane, James Arthur and Imelda May are amongst the names to have signed the chair, which is being offered in the raffle along with a holiday in the Caribbean.

The raffle will be held at Helen and Douglas House's comedy and music fundraiser 'Childish Things' at the Oxford New Theatre next month, which features a line-up including Jimmy Carr and Rob Brydon.

This year's show is set to be the 10th and final 'Childish Things' to take place on March 24 and 25, after organisers cited difficulties in finding acts each year.

It has raised more than £500,000 for the hospice in the past decade, with last year's show collecting over £100,000. Raffle tickets will be available at the event on March 25, with show tickets starting from £25.

Tickets for both days are available from the New Theatre website www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk, or by calling the box office on 0844 871 3020.

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Driver charged

A 29-YEAR-OLD man has been charged with dangerous driving and speeding in Horspath.

He will appear before Oxford Magistrates' Court on February 28.

The charge is in relation to an incident on Cuddesdon Road on January 21.

Centre plans

ROSE Hill Community Centre's final plans have been unveiled at two events organised by Oxford City Council.

The new centre will bring several existing services together under one roof, including the social club, advice centre and youth club, as well as providing a new doctor's surgery, gym and office for Thames Valley Police.

In addition, the existing sports pavilion will be demolished, with the centre expected to be completed during spring 2015.

Cllr Ed Turner, deputy leader of the council, said: "I am pleased that we have been able to show the final plans to the community and show them that we have listened to their feedback.

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New trends for Spring

You may have made all sorts of promises to improve yourself - dropping a dress size or pounding a treadmill - but don't overlook a shape-up for the home.

By **Gabrielle Fagan**

THE start of the year is the perfect time to embrace a new look, and there's certainly plenty to inspire in the latest decor trends. Budget permitting, you could opt for a total makeover, but even indulging in a few simple, fresh touches will give rooms a lift - and that's an ideal and inexpensive way to experiment before you plump for a favourite trend.

"Our homes are a reflection of our personalities and increasingly we're not afraid to have fun with colour, mix old with new, minimalism with drama and handmade with technology, for fabulous, quirky, eclectic and mismatched imperfection," says Sarah Quilliam, head of product design at made-to-measure blind specialists Hillarys, who's viewed collections internationally to give an overview of the top trends

"If you love pale colours and soft neutrals, look away now, it's time to embrace an explosion of colour! The patterns and palette we're going to see coming through are bold, cheerful and optimistic, with yellow being a stand-out shade, along with luminous accents of orange and neon pink," she adds. "But fear not - the key word here is 'accent', as they do also look great with taupe and ever-popular greys."

Print designs featuring nature and woodland creatures will give way to lush, green botanicals, ethnic designs with a strong Moroccan or Mexican influence, as well as lots of strong, graphic geometrics, she predicts.

"Vintage will also continue to be a massive trend, as our love of shabby chic sees us delving back into the past to take inspiration for the future, but always with a modern twist," she says.

"Expect to see lots of lace and chintzy, floral vintage prints on a white background, which reflects our passion for handmade and 'old-fashioned' crafts like knitting, crochet and stitching."

Take a tour through the trends, as high street experts reveal what's coming up this year, as well as their favourite looks and best buys.

Romance and sea breezes

"There's a well overdue breath of fresh air blowing through interiors," predicts Steven Rowe, head of design at Tesco. "The main looks are coastal-cool New England style, bold, beautiful monochrome and the romantic elegance of couture-themed products.

"While pretty pastels will hold their popularity with homeware and accessories in sugary soft shades, you can also opt to enliven a room with bright pops of colour, or reflect an Eastern Moroccan theme for an eclectic vibe."

My favourite trend: "Monochrome's a clear winner as it's so crisp, clean and simply stylish," he says. "But personally, I favour the romantic and elegant style because of its vintage feel."

Explore the outdoors

"We're continuing to celebrate the great outdoors and seek inspiration from nature," says Sue Roberts, design director at House of Fraser.

"Our indoor/outdoor trend is Urban Explorer, a mix of fresh spring greens, textures and foliage in bloom. Indoors, the green is punctuated with an accent of vibrant orange.

"There's a continuing Eastern influence on interiors, and we've called our interpretation Serenity. It's a twist on Asian and Indian culture and tradition, which imparts a sense of exoticism and has a romantic, bohemian world traveller sense of spirit.

"There's no doubt that pastel brights will be a big trend across the high street. I particularly like the combination of fresh and inspiring, playful ice-cream brights and feminine painterly florals."

My favourite trend: "The nautical look wins hands-down for me, as it's a relaxed, sophisticated take on coastal chic with cool shades of blue and natural tones, which creates a harmonious look that works all across the home.

Classical and upcycling

"There's a certain kind of style, classical and understated, that never dates and changes only for the better. It's like strawberries and cream and tennis in the summer; reliable, enjoyable, comfortable to live with and above all beautiful to look at," says Claire Hornby, creative stylist at Barker & Stonehouse.

"This will be hugely popular in 2014. Use a neutral and

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honey colour palette and pick furniture that is restrained in style but provides real comfort. Mix occasional chairs with sofas and a slightly Georgian feel, such as wooden-legs-and-castors and Bateau Lit style beds. Then accessorise the look with timeless pieces, like woollen throws, ornate objects and glass or brass based lamps."

If that's all too subtle and colour rocks your boat, opt for the Colourful Vintage interpretation, says Hornby. "Classic colours and graphic prints combine with retro furniture for a bright, upbeat style.

"Shape and colour are all important to this look. Sofas should be rounded and colours taken from the same tonal palette."

My favourite trend: "It's stylish grown-up recycling with an urban vibe, perfect for people who like informality, spontaneity and finding the joy in natural materials," says Hornby.

"This look brings a unique charm to a home and because pieces are made from a mix of mango wood and recycled wood, no two products are alike. Partner recycled industrial furniture with dynamic rugs, patterned cushions and metal chairs, or simply incorporate one or two statement pieces."

Memory lane meets Boho

"There's a willingness to embrace colour, fun and detail evident in the trends this year," says Rachel Small, home living buying manager at Sainsbury's.

"The five key trends span nature-inspired Botanical Gardens, taking inspiration from blooms, butterflies and bird studies, pretty English Vintage, pared-back Refined Rustic, which has a muted palette of crisp white and putty shades paired with accents of smoke blue, and nostalgic Memory Lane, with a pastel palette and detail in patterns, from gingham to kitsch florals.

"Boho Chic has a relaxed, informal vibe evoking Moorish and Moroccan interiors."

My favourite trend: "I'm particularly drawn to the Boho Chic decorating trend, as it's eclectic but harmonious. The collection offers a bazaar full of embellished textiles, detailed home accessories, decorative lanterns, and fine white china finished with a subtle tribal print."

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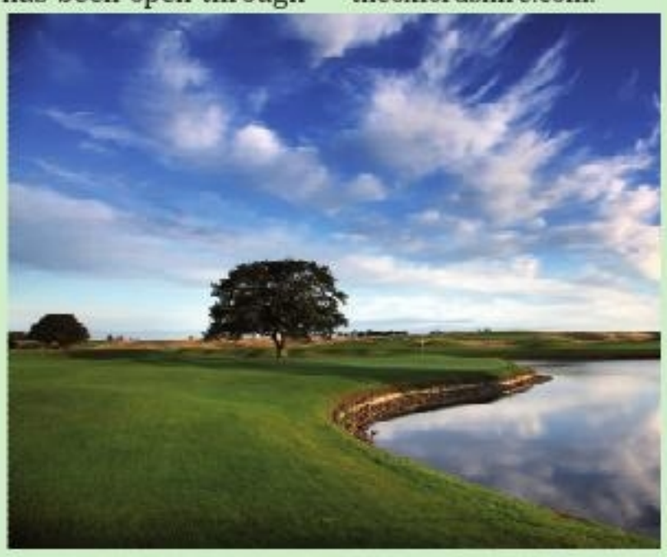

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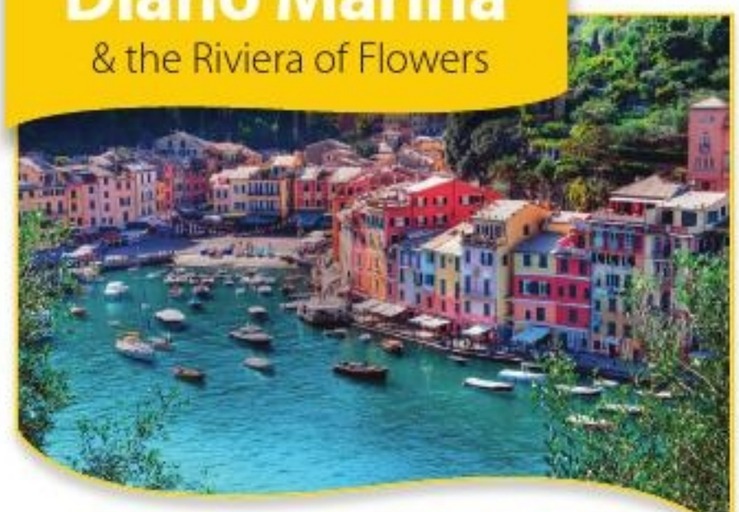

Saturday departures, 7 June and 6 September 2014
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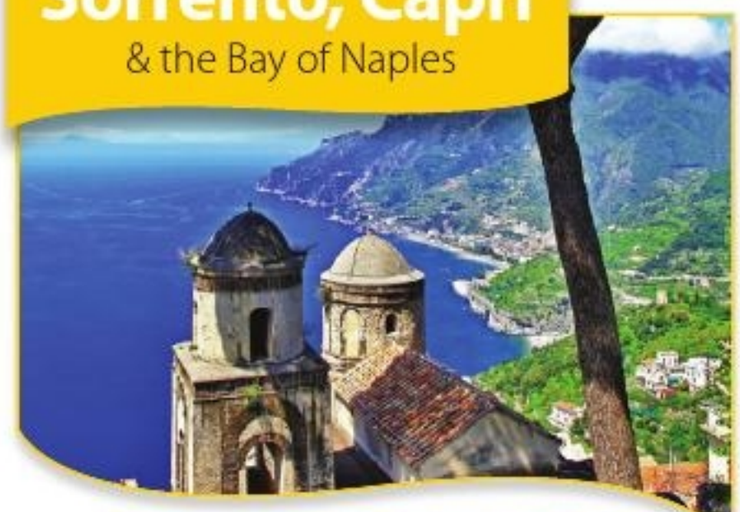
Sorrento, Capri
& the Bay of Naples



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The Pearl of the Adriatic

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'We'll do what show requires'

FOLK musicians Éamonn Coyne and Kris Drever come to Didcot's Cornerstone theatre tomorrow, following the release of their critically acclaimed album 'Storymap' last year.

By **Adam Flinn**

adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Éamonn and Kris met through the vibrant Edinburgh music scene, and first played together around eight years ago.

Since then, and in between their busy schedules working with other bands and musicians, the pair have continued to work together and release new material.

'Storymap' features a host of their musical friends, including Eliza Carthy, Simon Bradley, Megan Henderson and Calum McIntyre to name a few.

Éamonn's banjo-playing and tenor guitar, twinned with Kris' guitar and mandolin skills, has led to the album becoming increasingly popular.

"The reaction has been fantastic," said Éamonn. "People really like it, and lots of the tracks have been played and played."

Tomorrow's show sees Éamonn and Kris perform from 'Storymap' and their first collaboration 'Honk Toot Suite', as well as their own solo work.

Éamonn added: "We tend to do lots of stuff, we're not specific to one album.

"We have a repertoire of about two hours to work from, so if you do an hour and a half show, you can only get through some of the stuff.

"We'll choose whatever we think the show requires, and just whatever we think about really.

"You basically get the best of the two of us, that's the idea. People who've come to the show before know what to expect."

Éamonn's solo album 'Through the Round Window' was released in 2002, while Kris' two releases are the 2006 album 'Black Water' and the 2010 record 'Mark the Hard Earth'.

The pair will combine tracks from these as well as their two albums recorded together, in what promises to be an entertaining show.

Tickets cost £14.50 for an 8pm start. For more information, go to www.cornerstone-arts.org or call 01235 515144.

La Traviata

LA Traviata, Verdi's classic tale of love and sacrifice telling the story of 'fallen woman' Violetta, comes to the North Wall Arts Centre tomorrow and Saturday.

Three men rule Violetta's life, and this production reveals the hypocrisy and heartache behind the prohibition era of Atlantic City in 1928.

Both shows start at 7.30pm. More details are available at www.thenorthwall.com.

She's a sinner

TEENAGE singer Lauren Aquilina performs at Oxford's O2 Academy on Saturday, following the release of her second EP 'Sinners'.

Eighteen-year-old Lauren has been writing songs for the past decade, playing the piano since she was nine, and has already amassed almost two million video views.

Doors open at 7pm. Go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk for more information.

Straits tribute

GUITAR ace John Brunsdon and his band of accomplished musicians, joined by saxophonist Nigel Hodge, pay tribute to Dire Straits at their show at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Saturday.

Known as Dire Streets, the group are considered as one of the best Dire Straits tribute acts playing in the UK, as they capture the sound of one of the biggest guitar bands of all time.

Go to www.themillartscentre.co.uk for further details.

Comedy night

STAND-UP comedians Adam Bloom, Chris Martin, Andrew Bird and Mark Olver make up the line-up at Oxford's Glee Club on Saturday.

The gig is part of the club's regular series of comedians on a Saturday evening. Doors open at 7.15pm, and booking details can be found at www.glee.co.uk/oxford.

• *Kris Drever (left) and Éamonn Coyne come to the Cornerstone on Saturday*

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We didn't expect this!

BRIGHTON-BASED two-piece band Royal Blood make their first trip to Oxford on Wednesday, following their recent nomination in the BBC Sound of 2014 poll.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Made up of vocalist Ben Thatcher and bass player Mike Keer, the band has only been performing for the past 18 months, and last week released their latest single 'Little Monster'.

This upcoming tour is in preparation for the duo's first album, which they are hoping to release by the end of the year.

"We've been writing for the last year," said Ben. "We've got quite a lot of the songs recorded, it's just about piecing it together now.

"It's all been pretty crazy for us really. We didn't think the first single ('Out of the Black') would blow up so big, so quickly.

"I guess releasing that first song we didn't expect the radio-play that it got or anything like that for a four-minute heavy rock song.

"Because we didn't have that much of a status right there for the band, we thought we'll gradually get up there, but it went really well and it's still doing really well. We were amazed."

Royal Blood's popularity has increased rapidly since they started off in October 2012, with comparisons made between them and The Black Keys, The White Stripes and Queens of the Stone Age.

Their first single received airplay on Radio One, XFM and Australian station Triple J, and they are now looking forward to their first headline tour.

Ben added: "We did our first supporting tour in October, which went really well, so we're looking forward to getting back out to those venues again and doing it properly!

"There's going to be a couple of new songs that we're going to be trying out. The set's going to be a little bit longer, so we'll see how it goes really."

Wednesday's show takes place at The Art Bar in Oxford, with doors open at 7.30pm. For more details about the band, go to www.facebook.com/royalblooduk.

• *Ben Thatcher (left) and Mike Keer make their first visit to Oxford next week*

Hugless Doug

THE tale of lovable brown bear Hugless Douglas, who really wants a hug, comes to Henley's Kenton Theatre on Sunday.

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Sunny Ormonde

SUNNY Ormonde, also known as Lilian from The Archers, speaks about her 12 years on the renowned show at Didcot Cornerstone on Saturday.

As well as The Archers, Sunny has performed in numerous other productions during her career, and Saturday's show will also include a Q&A with the actress.

It begins at 2pm. More details are available at www.cornerstone-arts.org.

Kate Tempest

POET and spoken word artist Kate Tempest is at the North Wall Arts Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday, to tell an everyday epic over a live score played by tuba, cello, violin, drums and electronics.

Both shows start at 8pm, and booking details can be found at www.thenorthwall.com.

Classic thriller

FREDERICK Knott's intense and gripping thriller Dial M for Murder comes to the Oxford Playhouse from Tuesday, starring popular TV actor Christopher Timothy.

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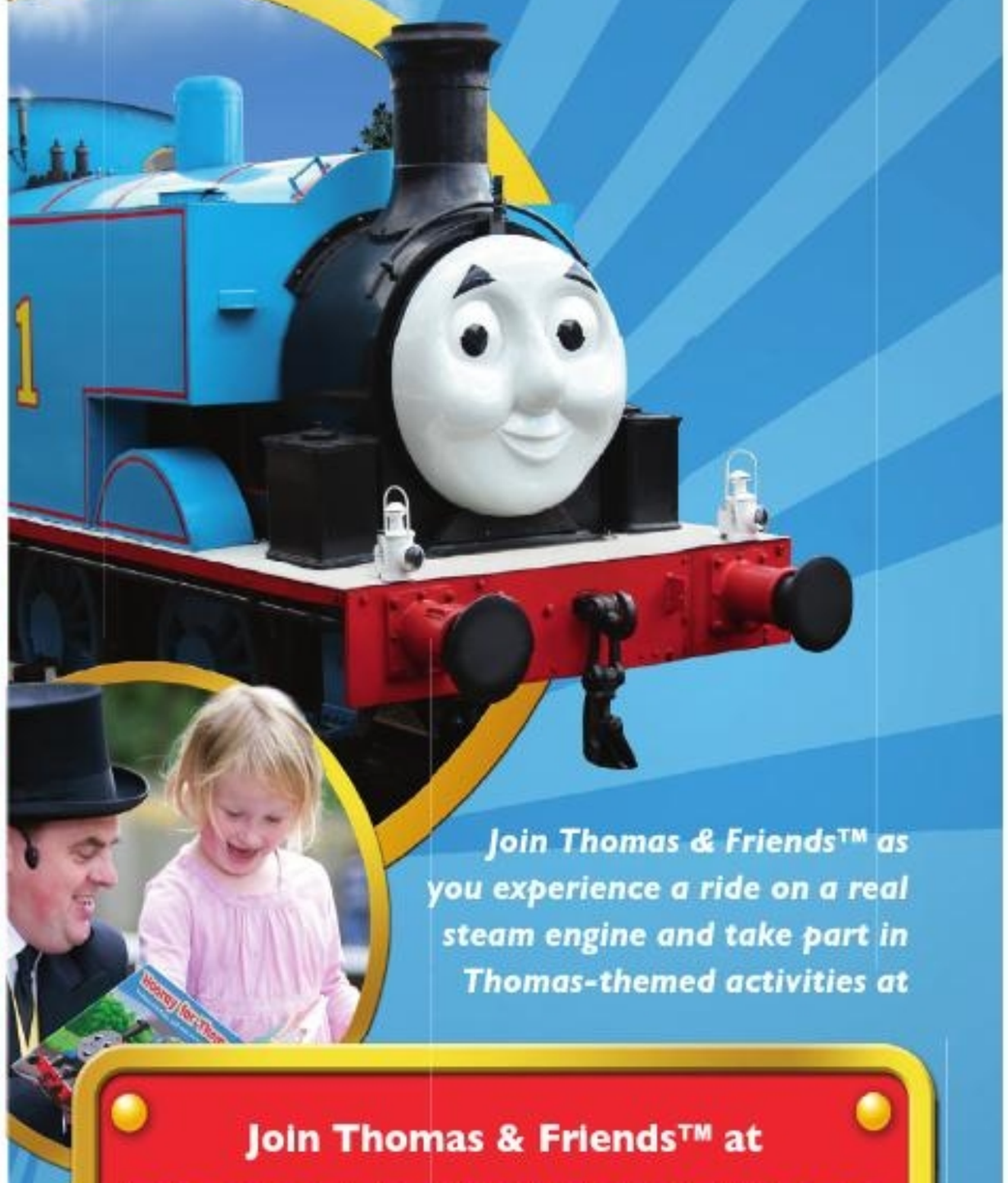

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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

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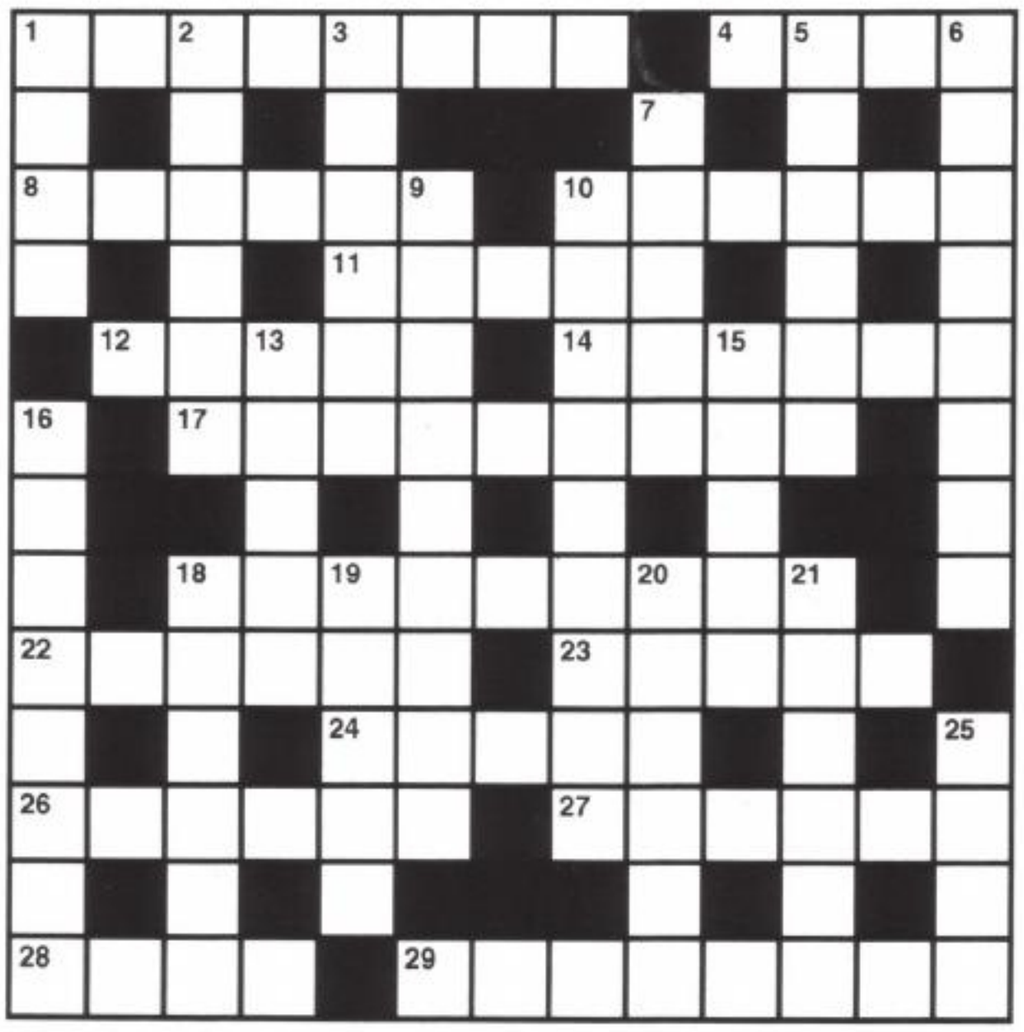
Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across
1 Pain in the spinal area (8)
4 Group of musicians (4)
8 Very small (6)
10 Thwarts (6)
11 Combine (5)
12 Colloquial language (5)
14 Infallible guide (6)
17 Somnambulate (9)
18 Following closely (9)
22 Property (6)
27 Displeasure (5)
24 Salvers (5)
26 Insect that preys on others (6)
27 Twine (6)
28 Bird's home (4)
29 Makes steady (8)

Quick Clues Down
1 Collide (4)
2 Waterways (6)
3 Bring into harmony (6)
5 Onslaught (6)
6 Courses served at end of meals (8)
7 Musical drama (5)
9 Causes (9)
10 Those who hide to obtain free passage (9)
13 Greek letter (5)
15 By the side of (5)
16 Boatman (8)
18 Raised platforms (6)
19 Garret (5)
20 Put in gradually (6)
21 Exceptional intellectual ability (6)
25 Grows old (4)

Cryptic Clues Across
1 Garment in which Lois, upset, came round (8)
4 The extent of a Middle East seaport? (4)
8 Mac and Ian get together quite mad (6)
10 They figure largely in string bands (6)
11 He's in a cap - how common! (5)
12 Prophet needs a shoe repaired (5)
14 A gypsy in the army? No (6)
17 Communist compiler is a real dog (3,6)
18 These stories have real logic (9)
22 One who goes via the south gets on (6)
23 Brings up behind? (5)
24 Not very much and rather stale (5)
26 The Italian's hidden somewhere in the shed for protection (6)
27 Attention, donkey. You've deserved it (6)
28 Palmy appointment (4)
29 They should produce a good yarn (8)

Cryptic Clues Down
1 People are often intent on getting here (4)
2 There's no term arrangement for the tutor (6)
3 Arranged intervals (for astronauts?) (6)
5 It's got a neck (6)
6 He's certainly willing to try (8)
7 Drank heavily, up at headquarters (5)
9 Ten get chased round and punished (9)
10 There's an animal in the orchestra (4-5)
13 Beastly creatures likely to get in a wax (5)
15 Agencies in the same diagram (5)
16 Calmly made up (8)
18 His work is a real picture (6)
19 Hangs loosely with three pounds so out (5)
20 Keep it near maybe (6)
21 Fawn is sound as a bell at heart (6)
25 Does it produce poems? (4)



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Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword
Across: 4 Affirm 8 Section 9 Serves 10 Attendant 11 Urge 13 Teeth 14 Scatter 16 Deports 18 Germs 19 Anon 21 Condiment 22 Sandal 23 Density 24 Nasser
Down: 1 Gentlemen 2 Attention 3 Bonds 5 Feet 6 Invert 7 Master 9 Snack 11 Uttermost 12 Germinate 15 Stool 16 Damson 17 Points 20 Adder 21 Care

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 4 Obtuse 8 Allayed 9 Italic 10 Locksmith 11 Beds 13 Groom 14 Umpires 16 Contain 18 Flout 19 Emus 21 Fireworks 22 Ensued 23 Herring 24 Tidier
Down: 1 Elbow room 2 Jackboots 3 Seems 5 Bath 6 Uglier 7 Excess 9 Items 11 Billboard 12 Debunking 15 Livid 16 Cement 17 Nursed 20 Rebel 21 Fete

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John Bramwell, singer-songwriter and frontman of Manchester's Iam Kloot, has announced details of a brand new solo tour kicking off in January 2014.
Iam Kloot have been performing since 1999, and in that time have garnered major critical acclaim; retained their credible, cult status; and developed a legion of devout fans 'dedicated to spreading the gospel of Iam Kloot'.
Its been an incredible couple of years for John with the band, with highlights including picking up a Mercury Music Nomination for Sky at Night and a number 10 entry into the UK Album Charts for this year's studio album, Let It All In.
Now John is taking a break to perform an exclusive set of intimate solo gigs at some of the country's best loved venues. Having been all over the world with the band these last couple of years, playing some of the most prestigious venues around, this is a chance for John to go back to his roots and entertain smaller audiences.
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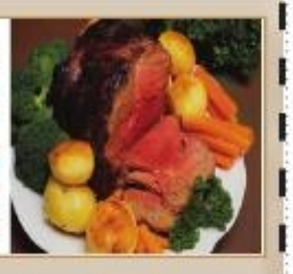

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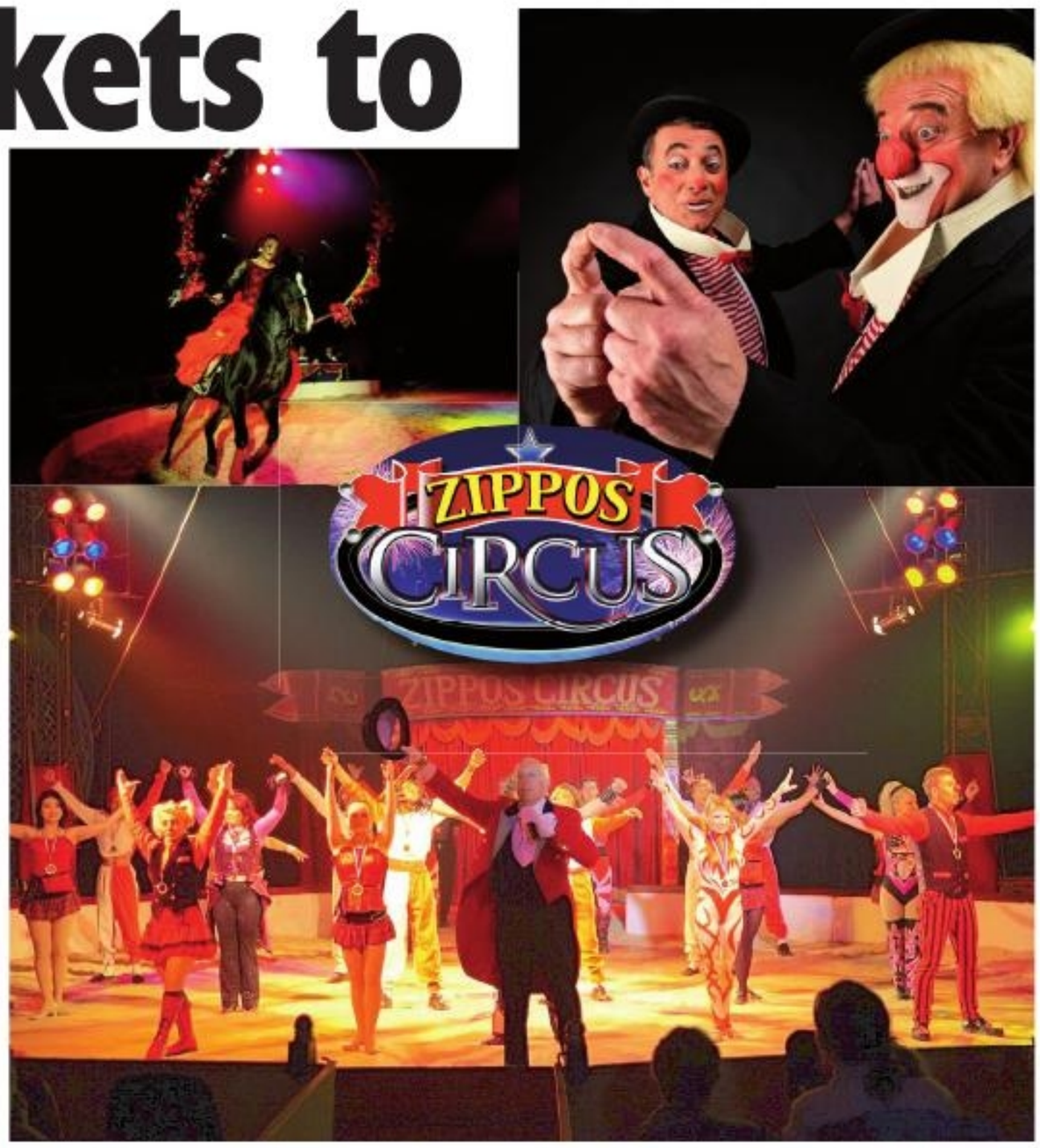

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New Peugeot 308 proves a classy and sophisticated presence

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REVIEW: PEUGEOT 308

By **Philip Shoulder**

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PEUGEOT'S new 308 continues the French firm's move up market; an initiative recently seen with the 208 and 2008.

With well-balanced proportions, the new car projects a classy and sophisticated presence: the front dominated by the brand's 'floating' front grille and the rear showcasing the three Peugeot (lion) 'claws' drawn by the rear LED lamps.

The 308 has also been on a serious diet, loosing around 140kg compared to its predecessor, leading to significant reductions in emissions - this HDi 92 variant emitting 99 g/km of CO2.

Step inside and you'll instantly notice a much more sophisticated cabin than before.

There's a similar pod binnacle layout as used in the 208, but here that integration with the rest of the dashboard is more fluid and sleeker.

Build quality sees a marked improvement on the old 308; everything feeling very well screwed together and the sound (or lack of) the doors closing is remarkable.

The new range comprises Access, Active, Allure and Feline models. Even this lower-end Active model gets a 9.7" touch screen infotainment system, incorporating satellite navigation; dual zone air conditioning, 16" alloys; USB input; Bluetooth, DAB radio; Auto lights and rear parking sensors.

An integrated infotainment system impresses with its look, feel and functionality and incorporates satellite navigation.

The majority of switchgear is accessed via intuitive on-screen menus, which keeps the dash uncluttered.

The 308's driving position is good, and the seats are comfortable and supportive.

Front and side visibility is good, but rearward it is hampered by a letter-box-shaped back window and thick C-pillars.

A fair amount of storage space and cubbies can be found in the 308's cabin, although the glove-box and door bins are on the petite side.

Headroom is generous, even on cars equipped with a glass panoramic roof. Leg room scores well, too, but in the rear it's on the tight side, only just managing to accommodate two six-footers front and back.

The boot is decently shaped and sized, at 470 litres. Rear seats fold 60/40, albeit leaving a slight step.

Although modestly powered, the 92 bhp 1.6 litre diesel's 230 Nm of torque allows for good tractability at low revs and ensures you won't be up and down the gearbox every time you encounter a hill, either.

Mixed route driving returned an average 47 mpg, some way off the claimed 74.3.

• *The new Peugeot 308*

The five-speed manual gearbox doesn't quite have the slickness of the firm's six-speeder, but remains good. Brakes are reassuringly responsive, without being over-sensitive.

The chassis is fluid and controlled, which keeps the 308 flat through the corners, while the ride remains supple and smooth. Steering is responsive, but does lack some feel.

Refinement levels are about right for this class: the engine never booms and minimal tyre and wind noise enters the cabin.

VERDICT:

Peugeot have been going from strength-to-strength over recent years. This new 308 is the culmination of their efforts: it's a much better car than its predecessor and is worthy of comparison with any current rival.

Facts at a glance

OTR Price: £17,895
Engine: 1.6-litre 4cyl, diesel
Max Power: 92 bhp @ 4000 rpm
Torque: 230Nm at 1750 rpm
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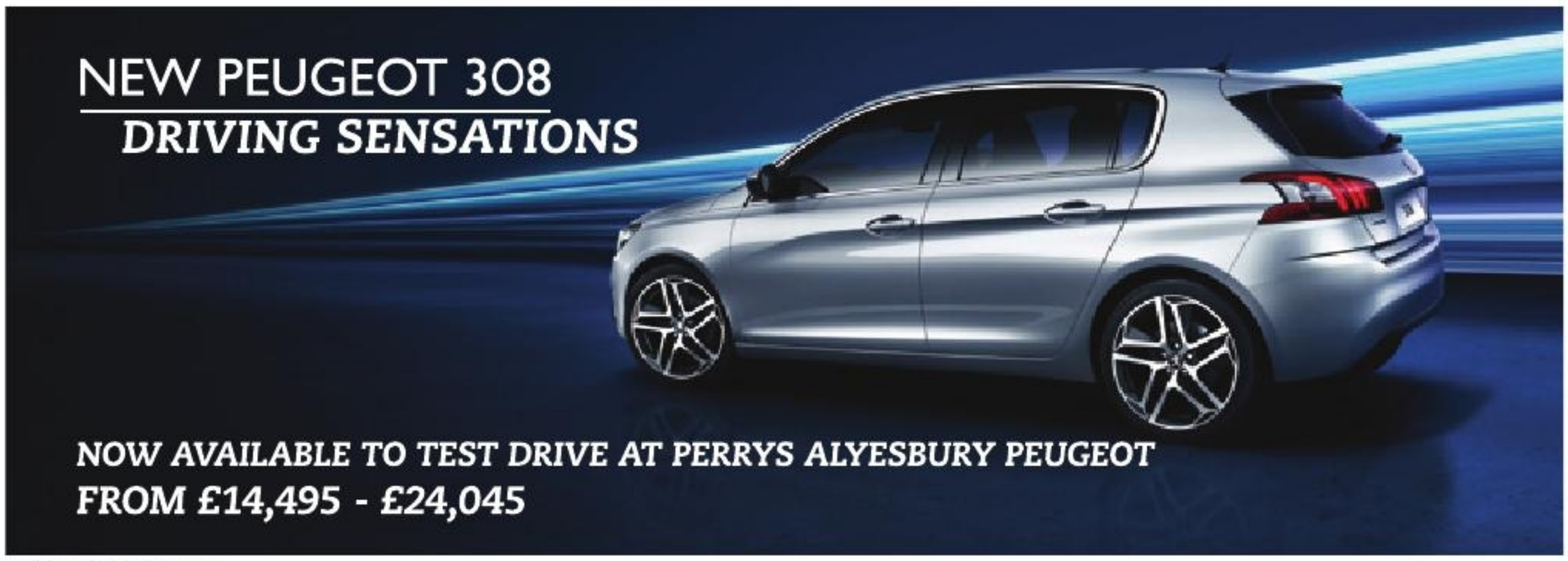

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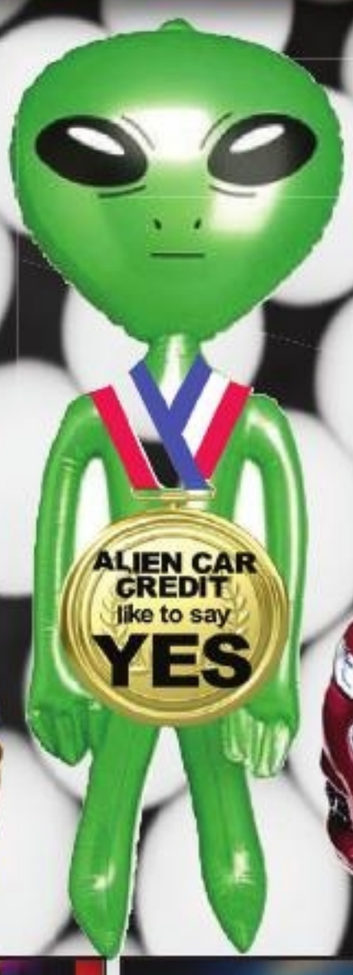

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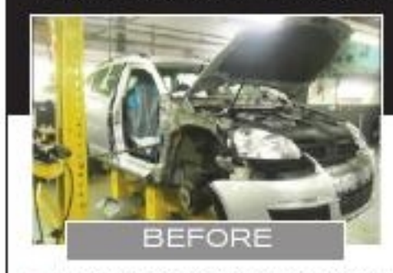

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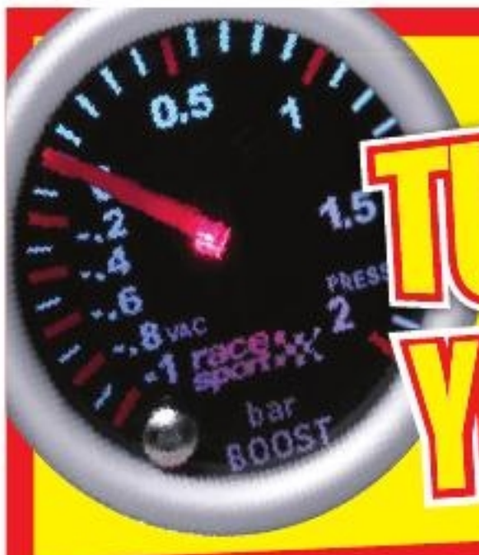

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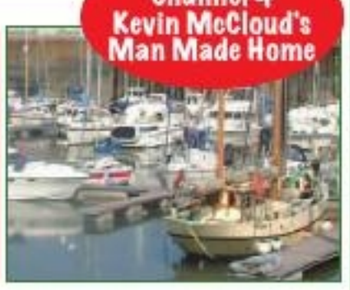

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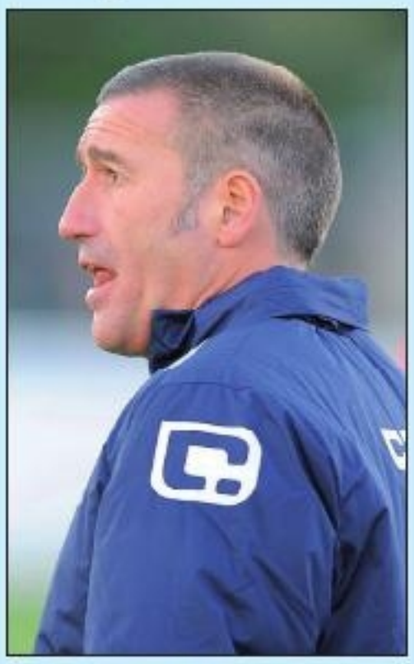

• *Mike Ford (Pic: Mike Allen)*

OXFORD City boss Mike Ford wants his side to keep up the good performances ahead of an important period in their Skrill North campaign.

City were beaten 2-1 at league leaders North Ferriby United last Saturday and are currently third from bottom in the table, four points adrift of safety.

However, City have three games in hand over 19th-placed Stalybridge and recent performances have been positive.

Ford said: "The run of games we have had has been really difficult. I think people need to remember that.

"We've played the top side twice, we've played Barrow who are unbeaten in about three months and we have got to play them again this Saturday.

"We have also played Colwyn Bay, who had won six on the trot, and before that we played Solihull who were top.

"We haven't been disgraced in any of them and we've just got to remember that we produced good performances and have got to keep producing them in these really important games."

After City face Barrow on Saturday, they will play five teams in the bottom half in the space of four weeks.

U's slip to narrow defeat at Newport

OXFORD United's long-standing unbeaten away league record was finally brought to an end on Tuesday night with a 3-2 defeat at Newport County.

By **Jack Johnson**
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As the only professional team not to be beaten on their travels this season, United's away record, which stood at 14 games, had started to look fragile in recent weeks.

Draws at Exeter, Bury and Bristol Rovers were subtle hints that it was more when, not if, the run would come to an end.

And on Tuesday night, United were outplayed by Newport, who have only lost twice at home all season.

"The better team won without a shadow of a doubt," said caretaker manager Mickey Lewis.

"But it's one defeat in nine and I think sometimes you have to be calm and look at the bigger picture.

"You want the away record to keep going but we did say before the game that this might be our toughest test and it proved to be."

James Constable scored his 105th goal for the club to put United ahead against the run of play on 14 minutes.

However, Newport equalised on the stroke of half-time in rather fortuitous circumstances as Lee Minshull's shot deflected off Rene Howe and past the stranded Ryan Clarke.

Ryan Burge put County ahead in the second half and a mix-up between Clarke and Johnny Mullins provided Chris Zebroski with an easy tap-in.

United pushed forward and grabbed a way back in to the match through Alfie Potter, but it proved to be a consolation.

Lewis added: "We're disappointed with the performance.

"Perhaps it was one of those nights, summed up by the third goal.

"If you don't concede the third goal, and again I stress we didn't deserve anything from the game, we might nick a draw but that's the way it goes.

"We've just got to dust ourselves down and move on quickly."

United are still third in the Sky Bet League Two table and will look to bounce back when they travel to Morecambe this Saturday.

Lewis will hope Danny Rose can recover from illness after the midfielder was forced off at half-time on Tuesday while Dave Kitson (hamstring) is a doubt.

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• *Oxford United's caretaker manager Mickey Lewis (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

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